

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-10 and add new Claims 11-20 as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1-10 (Canceled)

11. (New) A cooking area comprising at least one heating element, a power controller for setting a heating output of the heating element which operates according to the set heating output in at least one of a first operating mode and a second operating mode, and an indicating device which indicates the set heating outputs in the first operating mode with symbols from a first set of symbols, wherein the indicating device indicates heating outputs in the second operating mode with symbols from a second set of symbols.
12. (New) The cooking area according to claim 11, wherein the indicating device is embodied as a single-digit seven-segment display.
13. (New) The cooking area according to claim 11, wherein the first set of symbols comprises a series of numbers from "0" to "9".
14. (New) The cooking area according to claim 12, wherein the second set of symbols comprises combinations of three transverse segments of the seven-segment display.
15. (New) The cooking area according to claim 11, wherein the heating outputs associated with the first operating mode are grouped in a group of low heating outputs and the heating outputs associated with the second operating mode are grouped in a group of high heating outputs
16. (New) The cooking area according to claim 11, wherein the first operating mode is a continuous operating mode in which power is supplied continuously to the heating element.

17. (New) The cooking area according to claim 11, wherein the second operating mode is a clocked operating mode in which power is supplied discontinuously to the heating element.
18. (New) The cooking area according to claim 11, wherein the heating element is a gas burner which is supplied with gas via a gas pipe.
19. (New) The cooking area according to claim 18, wherein the clocked operating mode is activated at heating outputs below a minimum heating output at which the heating element is still operating with a minimal continuous supply of gas in the continuous operating mode.
20. (New) The cooking area according to claim 11, wherein the display device displays the symbols for indicating power stages in which the heating element is operating in the clocked mode as flashing.